

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 11:00am Council Chambers 56 Chanter Street, Berrigan





Agenda

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Berrigan will be held in the **Council Chambers**, Berrigan, on **Wednesday 20 January, 2021** when the following business will be submitted:-

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No business, other than that on the Agenda, may be dealt with at this meeting unless admitted by the Mayor.

ROWAN PERKINS GENERAL MANAGER



# Council Meeting

## Wednesday 20 January 2021

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

This meeting is being webcast and those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

- 1. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 2. DECLARATION OF ITEMS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS
- 3. VISITORS

Mr Brad Bohun to attend and present via Zoom @ 11:00am

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Recommendation:** That the Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 16, December, 2020 be confirmed.

MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

7. ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION



#### 7.1 Finance Accounts

Report by: Finance Manager, Tahlia Fry

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

#### **Recommendation:** that the Council:

1. Receive the Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Certificate and Petty Cash Book made up to 31 December 2020,

- 2. Confirm the accounts paid as per Warrant No. 12/20 totaling \$3,379,469.22, and
- 3. Note the report on investments attached as Appendix "7.1-A"

### Report:

- a) A Financial Statement covering all funds of the Council indicating the Bank Balances as at 31 December 2020 is certified by the Finance Manager.
- b) The Finance Manager certifies that the Cash Book of the Council was reconciled with the Bank Statements as at 31 December 2020.
- c) The Finance Manager certifies the Accounts, including the Petty Cash Book made up to 31 December 2020, totaling \$3,379,469.22 and will be submitted for confirmation of payment as per Warrant No. 12/20
- d) The Finance Manager certifies that all Investments have been placed in accordance with:
  - i. Council's Investment Policy,
  - ii. Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended),
  - iii. the Minister's Amended Investment Order gazetted 11 January 2011,
  - iv. <u>clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, and</u>
  - v. Third Party Investment requirements of the Office of Local Government Circular 06-70
- e) December has shown a slight decrease in total funds held in comparison to the end of November. The movement in cash holdings is largely comparable with the same period last year and represents the general pattern in cash holdings over the year.
  - Overall funds however have grown from \$34.598M in December 2019 to \$40.013M in December 2020. Total funds are expected to remain stable in the January period.
- f) Further information regarding Council's investments is attached to this Agenda as Appendix "7.1-A".

8,013,590.15



#### Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 DECEMBER 2020

Bank Account Reconciliation	
Cash book balance as at 1 DECEMBER 2020	\$ 10,020,254.56
Receipts for DECEMBER 2020	\$ 1,372,804.81
Term Deposits Credited Back	\$ -
	\$ 11,393,059.37
Less Payments Statement No 12/20	
No Chq Payments	\$ -
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payroll	\$ 793,452.50
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Creditors E036007-E036251	\$ 2,556,482.29
Term Deposits Invested	\$ -
Loan repayments, bank charges, etc	\$ 29,534.43
Total Payments for DECEMBER 2020	\$ 3,379,469.22
Cash Book Balance as at 31 DECEMBER 2020	\$ 8,013,590.15
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Bank Statements as at 31 DECEMBER 2020	\$ 8,013,590.15
Plus Outstanding Deposits	\$ -
Less Outstanding Cheques/Payments	\$ -

#### INVESTMENT REGISTER

Reconcilation Balance as at 31 DECEMBER 2020

INSTITUTION	DEPOSIT NO.	TERM (days)	RATE	MATURITY DATE	ı	NSTITUTION TOTAL	S&P RATING
AMP	144/19	365	**1.80%	23/03/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB+
AMP	133/17	182	**0.70%	24/05/2021	\$	1,000,000.00	BBB+
AMP	125/16	182	**0.70%	31/05/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB+
AMP	136/18	365	**0.60%	19/10/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB+
Goulburn Murray Credit Union	124/16	365	1.30%	13/05/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	UNRATED
Bendigo Bank	141/18	364	*0.85%	13/09/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB+
Bendigo Bank	142/18	365	*0.80%	26/09/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB+
Bendigo Bank	146/20	365	*0.80%	28/09/2021	\$	5,000,000.00	BBB+
Central Murray Credit Union	126/16	365	1.00%	31/08/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	UNRATED
Defence Bank Limited	138/18	365	1.70%	10/01/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB
Defence Bank Limited	102/14	364	1.65%	5/04/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB
Defence Bank Limited	106/14	365	1.35%	29/06/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB
Defence Bank Limited	146/19	365	0.80%	31/08/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB
G&C Mutual Bank	145/19	364	1.70%	6/04/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	BBB-
NAB	143/18	365	0.55%	18/11/2021	\$	2,000,000.00	AA-

\$ 32,000,000.00

Total Funds Held at 31 DECEMBER 2020

\$40,013,590.15

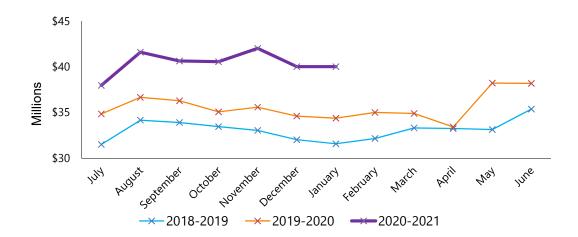
## Tahlia Fry - Finance Manager

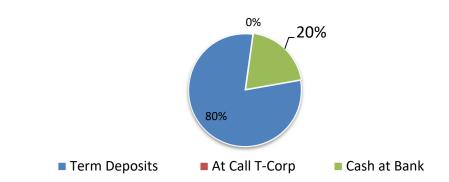
<sup>\*</sup>The Council also receives an additional 0.25% commision

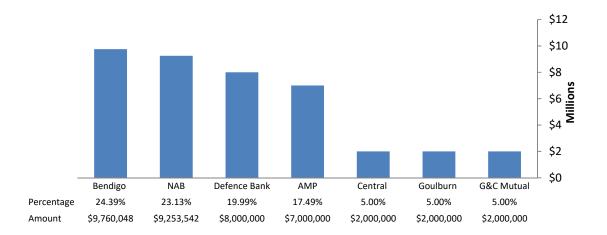
<sup>\*\*</sup>The Council also receives an additional 0.20% commision



## **Total Cash and Investments**









## **Term Deposits Credited Back**

Prior Financial Institution Term (Days)

Amount

Interest Rate

**Maturitry Date** 

NIL CHANGES TO TERM DEPOSITS FOR DECEMBER 2020

**Term Deposits Invested / Reinvested** 

**Current Financial Institution** 

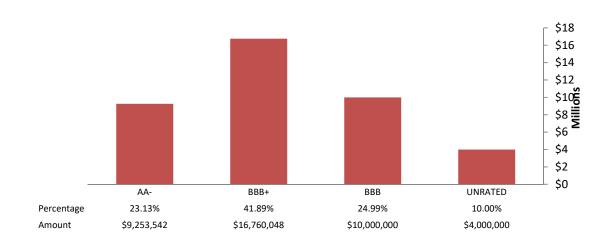
Term (Days)

Amount

Interest Rate

**Maturitry Date** 

NIL CHANGES TO TERM DEPOSITS FOR DECEMBER 2020





## 7.2 Tocumwal Pedestrian Crossing

Report by: Director Technical Services, Matthew Clarke

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 1.3 Connect and protect our communities

#### Recommendation:

That the Council:

- 1. Review the Tocumwal Pedestrian Crossing location once the new car park on Murray Street Tocumwal is completed, and
- 2. Request Transport for NSW to carry out an education program with local schools in the Tocumwal Township with regard pedestrian crossings.

#### Report:

At the September Council Meeting, Council adopted to carry out consultation with the Tocumwal Community with regard the pedestrian crossing on Deniliquin Street, Tocumwal.

We have received correspondence attached in **Appendix "7.2-A"** from the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce & Tourism (TCCT).

The engagement strategy and report is attached in Appendix "7.2-B".

Given that Council has recently acquired land for the purpose of parking in Tocumwal, it may be reasonable to relocate the pedestrian crossing to mid-block as the loss in parking has been offset.

Rumble strips have more disadvantages than advantages: Noise, maintenance, aesthetics, comfort (particularly motorcyclists and bicyclists).

It is believed that the removal of the garden will not improve visibility as the hedges are maintained to an approximate height of 600mm and the in accordance with Austroad Standards the design driver eye height is 1100mm.

Given that Council is not aware of any accidents at this pedestrian crossing, sufficient action may be to do nothing and request TfNSW to review the speed zone with a preference to making the CBD area 40km /hr.

Staff suggest that considering all the issues the crossing be left in its present location



#### 7.3 2019-20 Annual Financial Statements

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

#### Recommendation:

That the Council, not having received any submissions in relation to its 2019/20 Annual Financial Statements and having considered the reports presented by the Audit Office of New South Wales, adopt the 2019/20 Annual Statements and the Report on the conduct of the Audit

#### Report:

The Council adopted the draft Financial Statements for public exhibition and referred them to the Auditor General of New South Wales for audit, at its ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2020. Appendix "7.3-A"

On 17 December 2020, the Audit Office of New South Wales provided to the Council:

- audit opinions for the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements.
- the Report on the Conduct of the Audit, and
- the Engagement Closing Report.

The report on the conduct of the audit summarises the Council's financial results, makes comparisons to previous years and identifies and explains variations. It also comments on the Councils financial performance and key balance sheet items.

In the opinion of the Auditors, all ratios remain satisfactory with the exception of the Own Source Operating Revenue ratio. This ratio demonstrates that the Council is reliant on external funding sources such as grants.

The Auditors noted that the Council's unrestricted working capital remains relatively stable.

In particular the Report on the Conduct of the Audit also contains General Purpose Audit Report and the Special Purpose Audit report. These are statutory reports and importantly both have been issued without any qualification. The General Purpose report relates to the consolidated financial accounts while the Special Purpose report relates to the Council's designated business units being water supplies and sewerage services.

The Engagement Closing Report details findings relevant to Councillors in their role as one of those charged with governance. It includes a list of items that will be raised in the Final Management Letter – which will be presented to the Council formally at a later date.



While the Council is in a sound financial position, staffing changes and difficulties created by the NSW border closure and other COVID-19 restrictions again saw the Council under pressure to meet statutory timeframes to prepare and submit the financial statements for audit, requiring an extension to 17 December 2020 for submission of its audited statements to the Office of Local Government.

The Council has however made major steps this year towards addressing this issue in 2020, including the creation of a full time Management Accountant role and the development of a comprehensive asset valuation program. I am confident the 2020/21 financial statements will be prepared well within the statutory timeframe.

Mr. Bradley Bohun, Principal for Crowe – the contractor conducting the audit on behalf of the Auditor General of NSW – will attend the Council's pre-meeting briefing session.

The public exhibition period closed at 12:00am Wednesday 13 December 2021. At the time of issuing this report, no submissions were received. The Council can now complete the statutory process for finalising the accounts by adopting the above recommendation



## 7.4 Local Government Rating Reform

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

#### Recommendation:

That the Council make a submission responding to the Office of Local Government's consultation paper on local government rating reform as per the report below.

### Report:

The Office of Local Government (OLG) last month released a consultation paper on a series of reforms to local government rating as well as an Exposure Draft of a related bill to amend the Local Government Act 1993.

A copy of the consultation paper is attached as Appendix "7.4-A"

The proposed rating reforms are the outcome of the review of the local government rating system undertaken by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in 2016. The NSW Government sat on this report for three years before issuing it in mid-2020 - having rejected much of the thrust of the IPART report - including the introduction of rating on Capital Improved Values (CIV).

OLG has already implemented some of the other reforms accepted by the NSW Government in its Debt Management and Hardship Guidelines issued in 2018. This consultation paper is based on the remaining IPART recommendations accepted by the NSW Government.

OLG has asked Councils, local communities and other interested parties to provide feedback on the Exposure Draft and other proposed rating reforms in the consultation paper with submissions closing on 5 February 2021.

The proposed reforms are broken into two categories

- 1. Proposals included in the Exposure Draft Bill
- 2. Other proposals for rating reform that don't require legislative amendment

The NSW Government proposes to introduce the Bill into parliament in early 2021.

The two tables below briefly summaries the proposals and provide a proposed Council position for consideration. **Appendix "7.4-A"** provides more context for each of the reforms.



Table 1 - Proposed amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* 

<u>Item</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
	Allowing gradual rates harmonisation	Neutral
1	This proposal would provide newly merged Councils with additional time to harmonise their rating structures.	This provision does not have any direct impact on the Council.
2	Allowing Councils to levy special rates for jointly funded infrastructure  This would allow Councils to levy a special rate to meet a commitment to fund infrastructure under a joint agreement with state and/or federal governments without having to undertake the lengthy special rate variation process.	While this proposal is not as far- reaching a reform as this Council may have wished for, it is at least a partial recognition that the IPART process can be cumbersome and work against community interest.  It is unlikely the Council would ever be in a position to take up this option to levy a special rate.
3.1	Allowing Councils to set different residential rates in contiguous urban areas  This reform would allow Councils to set a different residential rate for separate contiguous urban areas where differing costs or demand for services can be demonstrated.  This is mainly an issue for urban and suburban Councils.	Neutral  The proposed reform would not have any direct impact on the Council.



<u>Item</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
3.2	Creating a new category for environmental land  This reform would create a new rating category - Environmental - and allow the Council to set a differential rate for land in this category.  Land would be categorised as Environmental if  1. current and future use of the land is constrained as it:  a. has limited economic value relative to its size and location, or  b. cannot be developed, or  c. has low development potential for a business, residential or farming activity, and  2. is subject to geographic restrictions or regulatory restrictions.	Support  This support is subject to the removal of the currently mandatory rating exemption for land subject a conservation agreement - which is referred to later in the report.
3.3	Enabling different business rates to be set for industrial land and commercial land  This reform would allow Councils to set separate differential rates for industrial land - i.e. manufacturing plants or motor vehicle repair premises - from commercial land - i.e. retail shops or offices.	Support  While it is unlikely the Council would set separate differential rates for industrial and commercial land in the short to medium term, the additional flexibility may be useful in the future.



<u>Item</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
	Enabling different rates for residential,	Support
	business or mining land that is vacant	
		The proposed reform would provide an
	This reform would allow Councils to set	additional tool for the Council to
	a separate differential rate for vacant	encourage development of vacant
3.4	land (excepting farmland).	urban land. In the case of this Council a
		separate differential rate for land
	The aim is to allow Councils to set a	categorised as commercial may
	higher rate for vacant land to	encourage the development of some
	discourage land banking and encourage	vacant land at Barooga in particular.
	development of vacant land.	
	Allowing different farmland rates to also	Support
	be set based on geographic location	The reform would provide future
	The reform would allow Councils to set	Councils with more flexibility if
	separate differential farmland rates for	required. At this stage it is unlikely that
	land based solely on its location as	the Council would make immediate use
3.5	opposed to its suitability for use etc.	of this capability.
	The aim of the reform is to make it	
	simpler for Councils to set separate	
	farmland rates for areas with differing	
	intensity of use - i.e. orchards and dairy	
	land as opposed to grazing land.	
	Removing mandatory rates exemptions	Support
	for land with new conservation	This was a superior and a superior a
	agreements.	This removes an anomaly where owners of conservation land who derive
	Currently private land subject to a	private benefit from land - even if
	conservation agreement is exempt from	somewhat compromised - are exempt
4.1	all rates.	from rates.
	an races.	monificates.
		The new Environmental land category
		will allow for some rates to be collected
		while acknowledging restrictions on the
		use of the land.



<u>Item</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
	Removing certain mandatory	Support
	exemptions from special rates for water	
	and sewerage	The proposal would allow Councils to
		charge a special rate on benefited land
4.2	This reform would allow Councils, if	that would otherwise be exempt - such
	they chose, to charge special - as	as Crown Land, schools, land used for
	opposed to annual - water and sewer	teacher accommodation and the like.
	charges on a range of land that is	Darrigan China Caunail bas not abangad
	currently exempt, mostly government and religious land.	Berrigan Shire Council has not charged a special rate for over 15 years.
	Narrow scope to postpone rates and let	Support
	councils choose whether to write them	Зарроге
	off	This reform allows Councils to address
		individual cases of genuine hardship
	Currently Councils are obliged to allow	while minimising the impact on the
	ratepayers to postpone paying higher	Council's revenue.
5.1	rates if their land is rezoned.	
		This reform is expected to have minimal
	The reform will narrow the scope and	impact on Berrigan Shire Council or its
	the cost of this obligation, to make this	ratepayers.
	obligation less onerous on Council, to	
	reflect the wealth gain for the land owner and to encourage development.	
	Allow councils to sell properties for	Support
	unpaid rates after three years	Зарроге
		Three years is a sufficient period to
	At present Councils must wait until	identify if there is potential for an
	charges are outstanding for five years	alternative collection method to be
5.2	before seeking to sell for unpaid rates.	successful.
	This reform would reduce this period to	
	three years	This reform allows for greater fairness
		in ensuring that all ratepayers are
		required to meet their obligations in a
		timely manner.



Table 2 - Other reforms not requiring amendment of the *Local Government Act 1993* 

<u>ltem</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
	Allowing Councils' general income to rise in line with population growth	Support in principle
	_	The NSW Government has
1	This would allow rate income to grow with population growth as opposed to only with new property development.	commissioned IPART to prepare a report on how this reform could be delivered.
	, , , , ,	Note that this reform may see IPART issue multiple rate pegs.
	Encouraging Councils to levy rates on mining land to reflect additional costs.	Oppose
		As IPART made clear in its initial report,
	This reform would limit Councils ability	local government rates are a wealth tax,
	to set higher rates for mining properties other as reflected in extra	not a service charge. This proposal contradicts this principle.
2	costs of servicing the property	contradicts this principle.
		It also removes Councils' ability to use its
		rating system to encourage preferred
		development.
		It also creates more regulatory burden
		and red-tape for Councils.
	Retaining the rating category for	Neutral
	business as the "residual" rating	The consultation management and come
	category	The consultation paper mentions some difficulties in the implementation of this
3	The NSW government originally	reform but does not go into detail.
	proposed to allow Councils to set their	
	own default rates category. They have	In general, any reform providing more
	walked back from this reform.	flexibility to Councils should be
		supported however.



<u>ltem</u>	Government proposal	Proposed Council position
	Requiring Councils to report the value of exemptions they grant each year.	Oppose
4	The idea behind the reform is to make more transparent to the broader community, the value of rates exemptions provided by the Council at its own discretion.	While this reform has been watered down from IPARTs initial proposal to require the Council to report the value of ALL exemptions it is still another regulatory burden to be placed on Councils for very little gain.
		Note - in the very limited cases where Berrigan Shire Council offers exemptions from ordinary rates, there are included in the rate peg and paid from general revenue.



## 7.5 Tocumwal Glider

Report by: General Manager, Rowan Perkins

Strategic Outcome: 4. Diverse and resilient business

Strategic Objective: 4.2 Diversify and promote local tourism

#### Recommendation:

For Discussion

#### Report:

As Councillors may be aware, the glider that was previously situated at Tocumwal Foreshore was removed to allow for the construction of the new Foreshore building.

The glider was disassembled and it is presently stored at Tocumwal aerodrome but is exposed to the weather.

The future of the glider has never really been considered however the Council has received an offer from the owners of Sportavia to display the glider at the front of that property.

#### According to the owners:

- Sportavia is the original home of the glider;
- Past volunteers and gliding enthusiasts from Sportavia contributed to the building of the Visitor Information Centre and the donation of the glider;
- The glider was dedicated to Ingo Renner who supports its relocation to Sportavia;
- At Sportavia, the glider will be visible to visitors to the Tocumwal Aviation Museum;
- The glider requires substantial maintenance and repairs that the owners can organize and contribute to.

The above is a generous offer although it is implied that some of the maintenance and repair costs would need to be funded which would obviously need to be resolved.

Whilst the above offer is on the table the Council needs to also consider alternative locations or even not to display the glider at all.

Other location options that have previously been mooted include:

 At the terminal building site, which will also house the scale liberator bomber that is to be relocated from the Tocumwal Golf Club site. This site is understood to be preferred by THAM;



- Ingo Renner Park
- Tocumwal Foreshore.

There is no great urgency to make a decision however some indication of the Council's preferred location and whether or not any community consultation is desirable would help progress the issue.

The letter from the owners of Sportavia is circulated with this agenda as Appendix "7.5-A"



## 7.6 Land Classification

Report by: General Manager, Rowan Perkins

Strategic Outcome: 4. Diverse and resilient business

Strategic Objective: 4.1 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and invest in local job

creation and innovation

## Recommendation:

That pursuant to S31 of the Local Government Act, the Council classify Lot 11 DP 1047241, Lots 1 & 2 DP511822 and Lot 1 DP101725 as "Operational" Land.

## Report:

All Council land is required to be classified as "Community" or "Operational" land. The Council must before or within 3 months of purchase resolve such classification. Any land not so classified is "community" land.

"Operational" Land is broadly that, land that the Council uses in its business operations or purchases for development and resale etc. and is not generally available for unrestricted community use

"Community" Land is land that is generally available for community use.

The Council has recently negotiated the purchase of the above Lots and while the sale process is not complete it would be appropriate to classify the land as recommended.



7.7 Informal Track between Jerilderie Street North and Barooga Street North, Tocumwal

Report by: Director Technical Services, Matthew Clarke

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 1.3 Connect and protect our communities

#### Recommendation:

Direction form Council is sought

#### Report:

Staff have recently received correspondence from Helen Dalton MP, surrounding an issue raised by a local Tocumwal resident with regard to vehicular access along a section of Crown Reserve between Barooga Street North and Jerilderie Street North, Tocumwal. The correspondence is attached in **Appendix "7.7-A"**.

Upon investigating the issue, it has been found that approximately 70 vehicles utilize this section of Crown Land as a "short cut" on a daily basis.

There is no evidence indicating exactly how long local traffic has been utilizing this "short cut". Council may wish to consider one of the following actions:

 Construct and formalize sealed road access between Barooga Street North and Jerilderie Street North Tocumwal across Crown Land Lot 7014 DP1016690 subject to the approval of Crown Lands.

Council may wish to construct a sealed section of road between Barooga Street North and Jerilderie Street North. This may result in increased vehicle movements in this area, however, would reduce the dust issues experienced by neighboring properties. The estimated cost to physically construct the road would be approximately \$35k and would require approvals from crown lands. It is difficult to assume if the Tocumwal community would be in favor of formalizing and sealing the "short cut". Council would need to budget for these works.

 Block off Crown Land Lot 7014 DP1016690 reserve to vehicular traffic via the installation of post and rail fencing and trees.

Council may wish to consider blocking off the reserve to vehicular traffic by perhaps planting trees and installing some timber post and rail fencing. From the correspondence received from the complainers, this proposed treatment appears to satisfy their requests, however, some consideration should also be given to the



approximate 70 vehicles per day that are accessing the "short cut". The estimated cost for post and rail fencing and tree planting would be approximately \$5-10k. Council will need to budget for these works.

• Acknowledge the complaints to date and advise that no further action be taken. It is uncertain as to how long locals have been utilizing this "short cut" and staff have only received complaints from two individuals to date. The "short cut" may predate the complainers time in Tocumwal? Maintaining the status quo may be an appropriate action.

Direction from Council is sought



## 7.8 TfNSW Block Grant

Report by: Director Technical Services, Matthew Clarke

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 4.3 Connect local, regional and national road and rail infrastructure

and networks

#### Recommendation:

That the Council enter into the Regional Roads Block Grant Agreement 2020/21 with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

## Report:

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have forwarded the Regional Roads Block Grant Agreement 2020/21to be signed on behalf of the Council and returned.

The total funding available for 2020/21 is \$1,040,000 which has not been indexed from last year. Usually the Block Grant is indexed by 2-3 %, however, we are finding that construction costs are increasing by amount greater than 2-3% per year, which means we are not getting as much maintenance work done each year on our Main Roads.

The agreement is in a similar form to previous years and will be available at the meeting should Councillors wish to peruse it.

The Agreement for Block Grant Assistance to Council for Regional Roads is attached to this agenda as **Appendix "7.8-A"** 



7.9 Transport Asset Management Plan 2020 & Infrastructure Risk Management Plan Transport 2020

Report by: Engineering Services Manager, Fred Exton

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our natural resources and built

landscapes

#### Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Transport Asset Management Plan 2020 and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Transport 2020 (Appendices "7.9-A" & "7.9-B") as the key documents to guide future planning and development of Transport Assets within the Berrigan Shire.

## Report:

Asset Management Plans are a key component of Council's corporate planning process.

The Transport Asset Management Plan (roads, street bridges, footpaths and kerb & gutter) and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan were last adopted by Council in 2014.

These plans have been reviewed by staff and draft documents prepared for consideration and approval by Council.

The implementation of the Asset Management Plan will be largely business as usual as the plan does not indicate any substantial change in funding requirements.

The Executive Summary of the plan is presented below and the draft Transport Asset Management Plan 2020 & draft Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Transport 2020 are attached as **Appendices "7.9-A" and "7.9-B"** 

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Purpose of the Plan

Asset management planning is a comprehensive process ensuring delivery of services from infrastructure is financially sustainable.



This Asset Management Plan (AM Plan) details information about infrastructure assets with actions required to provide an agreed level of service in the most cost-effective manner while outlining associated risks. The plan defines the services to be provided, how the services are provided and what funds are required to provide over the 20 year planning period. The Asset Management Plan will link to a Long-Term Financial Plan which typically considers a 10 year planning period.

This plan covers the infrastructure assets that provide transport facilities including roads, bridges, carparks, kerb and gutter and footpaths.

## **Asset Description**

The Transport assets network comprises:

Asset category	Dimension (km)	Replacement Value (\$000)
Arterial Road	9.924	\$4,340.10
Asphalt Footpath	7.680	\$358.98
Asphalted Concrete Footpath	1.502	\$599.56
Barrier Kerb and Gutter	62.36	\$6,610.12
Brick Kerb and Gutter	0.196	\$20.77
Carpark	0.340	\$272.65
Collector Gravel Road	17.533	\$1,235.06
Collector Sealed Road	158.905	\$27,936.90
Concrete Footpath	24.094	\$ 3,021.88
Firetrail	37.915	\$2,036.76
Gravel Footpath	2.983	\$53.72
Kerb Only	5.539	\$587.18
Mountable Kerb and Gutter	58.211	\$6,170.38
Pattern Concrete Footpath	1.503	\$514.24
Paving Footpath	0.160	\$66.65
Property Access Rural	377.465	\$16,346.04
Property Access Urban	24.587	\$1,083.92
Quarry Dust Footpath	13.037	\$274.86
Regional Road	107.632	\$26,661.35
Resident Rural Gravel	300.208	\$19,561.93
Resident Rural Sealed	209.646	\$26,218.71
Resident Urban Gravel	5.303	\$332.37
Resident Urban Sealed	100.598	\$20,909.81
Formed	6.412	\$338.00
Vehicular Track	21.148	\$727.12
Road Bridge	0.497	\$7,032.32
Spoon Drain	0.083	\$7.29
Swing Bridge	0.035	\$47.25
TOTAL	1,555.496	\$173,365.90

The above infrastructure assets have significant total renewal value estimated at \$173,366,000



#### Levels of Service

Our present funding levels are sufficient to continue to provide existing services at current service levels in the medium term.

The Planned Budget should be sufficient to maintain existing service levels for the Transport assets with some gradual improvement in road width and the footpath and kerb and gutter networks.

#### **Future Demand**

The main demands for new services are created by:

- Population Increase will result in increased vehicle movements, increase the need for footpaths and kerb & gutter and roads.
- Increased demand for routes for Restricted Access Vehicles could result in decreased vehicle movements, however, it will result in increased intersection seal damage, increased operational costs evaluating route applications and increased pavement and shoulder damage.
- The aging demographic of our population will result in increased need for footpaths.

These demands will be approached using a combination of managing existing assets, upgrading of existing assets and providing new assets to meet demand. Demand management practices may also include a combination of non-asset solutions, insuring against risks and managing failures.

Assets for new developments will generally be donated by the developer.

## Lifecycle Management Plan

#### What does it Cost?

The forecast lifecycle costs necessary to provide the services covered by this AM Plan includes operation, maintenance, renewal, acquisition, and disposal of assets. Although the AM Plan may be prepared for a range of time periods, it typically informs a Long-Term Financial Planning period of 10 years. Therefore, a summary output from the AM Plan is the forecast of 10 year total outlays, which for the Transport assets is estimated as \$46,541,120 or \$4,654,1120n average per year.

#### Financial Summary

#### What we will do

Estimated available funding for the 10 year period is \$58,963,450 or \$5,896,345 on average per year as per the Long-Term Financial plan or Planned Budget. This is 102% of the cost to sustain the current level of service at the lowest lifecycle cost.

The infrastructure reality is that only what is funded in the long-term financial plan can be provided. The Informed decision making depends on the AM Plan emphasising the consequences of Planned Budgets on the service levels provided and risks.



The anticipated Planned Budget for Transport assets gives an excess of \$124,223 on average per year of the forecast lifecycle costs required to provide services in the AM Plan compared with the Planned Budget currently included in the Long-Term Financial Plan. This is shown in the figure below.

#### \$14,000,000 \$12,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$6,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$2,000,000 50 2025 2026 2028 2029 2030 2032 2033 2035 2036 2021 2027 2031 2034 2037 Operation Renewal Acquisition Maintenance Disposal Budget

## Forecast Lifecycle Costs and Planned Budgets

Figure Values are in current dollars.

We plan to provide Transport asset services for the following:

Operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of roads, bridges, carparks, kerb and gutter and footpaths to meet service levels set by this plan and provided for in annual budgets.

#### What we cannot do

We currently allocate enough budget to sustain these services at the proposed standard, however, we do not allocate sufficient budget to provide all new services being sought or identified as being below adopted service levels. Works and services that cannot be provided under present funding levels are:

- Widening of all bridge structures to the adopted service levels.
- Widening of all roads to the adopted service levels.
- Extension of footpath network to extend identified in the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans



- Extension of kerb and gutter network to service all residential streets.
- Upgrading of Lower River Road to provide access to all residences in a 1 in 5 year flood event.

#### Managing the Risks

Our present budget levels are sufficient to continue to manage risks in the medium term.

The identified risk consequences and treatment plans are captured in Table 6.2: Risks and Treatment Plans.

The main risk consequences are:

- Road Safety is compromised.
- Pedestrian Safety is compromised.
- Street amenity is reduced where open earth drains remain.
- Greater risk of personal and property damage and possible compensation claims against Council.
- Increased maintenance costs where road width is not fit for traffic conditions.
- We will endeavor to manage these risks with available funding by:
- Maintaining a high level of inspection of assets and correction of defects
- Improving networks to meet greater level of conformance with adopted service levels

#### **Asset Management Practices**

Our systems to manage assets include:

Council's 'Practical' accounting software and 'AssetFinda' asset management system in conjunction with MapInfo mapping and database.

Assets requiring renewal/replacement are identified from either the asset register or an alternative method. These methods are part of the Lifecycle Model.

- If Asset Register data is used to forecast the renewal costs this is done using the acquisition year and the useful life,
- Alternatively, an estimate of renewal lifecycle costs is projected from external condition modelling systems (such as Pavement Management Systems) and may be supplemented with, or based on, expert knowledge.

The Asset Register was used to forecast the renewal life cycle costs for this Asset Management Plan.

## Monitoring and Improvement Program

The next steps resulting from this AM Plan to improve asset management practices are:



- Condition rating of Assets
- Review remaining life of assets
- Componentisation of assets such as drainage structures, signs and traffic facilities including review of unit costs
- Develop chart of accounts to allow separation of operation costs and maintenance costs and to split the maintenance costs into reactive, planned and cyclic and to separate capital expenditure into renewal, new and upgrade works.
- Investigate options to integrate Asset Management system with the Accounting/Financial system
- Review customer request /complaint settings in customer request management system to reflect desirable data being collected

Ensure all assets in Asset Management System have a condition score



7.10 Stormwater Asset Management Plan 2020 & Infrastructure Risk Management Plan, Stormwater 2020

Report by: Engineering Services Manager, Fred Exton

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our natural resources and built

landscapes

#### Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Stormwater Asset Management Plan 2020 and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Stormwater 2020 (Appendices"7.10-A" & "7.10-B") as the key documents to guide future planning and development of Stormwater Assets within the Berrigan Shire.

## Report:

Asset Management Plans are a key component of Council's corporate planning process.

The Stormwater Asset Management Plan and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan were last adopted by Council in 2011.

These plans have been reviewed by staff and draft documents prepared for consideration and approval by Council. There was a change to the content of assets covered in this plan with kerb and gutter being taken out of the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and included in the Transport Asset Management Plan.

The implementation of the Asset Management Plan will be largely business as usual as the plan does not indicate any substantial change in funding requirements for the assets covered by the plan.

The Executive Summary of the plan is presented below and the draft Stormwater Asset Management Plan 2020 & draft Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Stormwater 2020 are attached as **Appendices "7.10-A" & "7.10-B"** 

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### The Purpose of the Plan

Asset management planning is a comprehensive process ensuring delivery of services from infrastructure is financially sustainable.



This Asset Management Plan (AM Plan) details information about infrastructure assets with actions required to provide an agreed level of service in the most cost-effective manner while outlining associated risks. The plan defines the services to be provided, how the services are provided and what funds are required to provide over the 20 year planning period. The Asset Management Plan will link to a Long-Term Financial Plan which typically considers a 10 year planning period.

This plan covers the infrastructure assets that provide stormwater management facilities including gravity mains, rising mains, pumping stations, detention and storage basins and also levee banks.

## **Asset Description**

The stormwater asset network comprises:

Table 5.1.1: Assets covered by this Plan

Asset Category	Dimension	Replacement Value
Gravity Mains	63,318 m	\$15,089,421
Rising Mains/Valves	10,982 m	\$1,264,433
Pits/Headwalls	2022 No.	\$3,201,451
Pump Stations	26 No.	\$2,055,000
Detention Basins and Storage Dams	18 No.	\$894,765
Open Drains	17,266 m	\$284,314
Levee Banks	15,622m	\$4,587,110
TOTAL		\$22,789,385

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The above infrastructure assets have significant total renewal value estimated at \$22,789,385.



#### Levels of Service

Our present funding levels are sufficient to continue to provide existing services at current service levels in the medium term.

The Planned Budget should be sufficient to maintain existing service levels for the Stormwater assets with some gradual expansion of the stormwater pipe networks to service new kerb and gutter.

#### **Future Demand**

The main demands for new services are created by:

Population Increase will result in increased expectations for kerb & gutter and stormwater management in currently unserviced urban areas.

These demands will be approached using a combination of managing existing assets, upgrading of existing assets and providing new assets to meet demand. Demand management practices may also include a combination of non-asset solutions, insuring against risks and managing failures.

Assets for new developments will generally be donated by the developer.

## Lifecycle Management Plan

#### What does it Cost?

The forecast lifecycle costs necessary to provide the services covered by this AM Plan includes operation, maintenance, renewal, acquisition, and disposal of assets. Although the AM Plan may be prepared for a range of time periods, it typically informs a Long-Term Financial Planning period of 10 years. Therefore, a summary output from the AM Plan is the forecast of 10 year total outlays, which for the Stormwater assets is estimated as \$3,666,890 or \$366,689 on average per year.

## **Financial Summary**

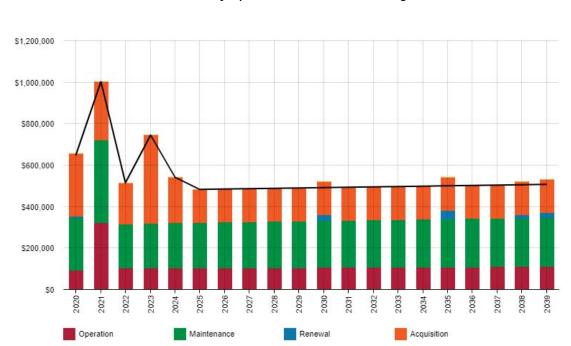
#### What we will do

Estimated available funding for the 10 year period is \$3,666,890 or \$366,689 on average per year as per the Long-Term Financial plan or Planned Budget. This is 100% of the cost to sustain the current level of service at the lowest lifecycle cost.

The infrastructure reality is that only what is funded in the long-term financial plan can be provided. The Informed decision making depends on the AM Plan emphasising the consequences of Planned Budgets on the service levels provided and risks.

The anticipated Planned Budget for [Enter Asset Group] leaves a shortfall of \$0 on average per year of the forecast lifecycle costs required to provide services in the AM Plan compared with the Planned Budget currently included in the Long-Term Financial Plan. This is shown in the figure below.





#### Forecast Lifecycle Costs and Planned Budgets

Figure Values are in current dollars.

Disposal

We plan to provide Stormwater asset services for the following:

- Budget

Operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of gravity mains, rising mains, pumping stations, detention and storage basins and also levee banks to meet service levels set by this plan and provided for in annual budgets.

#### What we cannot do

We currently do **not** allocate enough budget to sustain these services at the proposed standard or to provide all new services being sought. Works and services that cannot be provided under present funding levels are:

Construction of Levee 5a if Flood Study confirms it is required

Drainage at the following locations have had minor improvements carried out and are being monitored for performance in high intensity storms — There is no provision in budget for further improvements in this program:

Hughes St and Snell Rd, Barooga, Davis St, Berrigan, Anthony Av and Lorelle Ct, Tocumwal.

Extension of Stormwater drainage network to service all residential streets

Upgrade of Stormwater drainage network to comply with current recommended capacity standards.



## Managing the Risks

Our present budget levels are sufficient to continue to manage risks in the medium term.

The main risk consequences are:

- Higher flooding levels in some areas
- Risk of more property damage due to flooding
- We will endeavour to manage these risks within available funding by:
- Maintaining a high level of inspection of assets and correction of defects
- Improving networks to meet greater level of conformance with adopted service levels
- Updating the floodstudy of leveed area to identify all low areas of levees to allow implementation of a works program to upgrade them

## **Asset Management Practices**

Our systems to manage assets include:

Council's 'Practical' accounting software and 'AssetFinda' asset management system in conjunction with MapInfo mapping and database.

Assets requiring renewal/replacement are identified from either the asset register or an alternative method. These methods are part of the Lifecycle Model.

If Asset Register data is used to forecast the renewal costs this is done using the acquisition year and the useful life,

Alternatively, an estimate of renewal lifecycle costs is projected from external condition modelling systems (such as Pavement Management Systems) and may be supplemented with, or based on, expert knowledge.

The Asset Register was used to forecast the renewal life cycle costs for this Asset Management Plan.

#### Monitoring and Improvement Program

The next steps resulting from this AM Plan to improve asset management practices are:

- Condition rating of Assets
- Review remaining life of assets
- Componentisation of assets such as drainage structures, signs and traffic facilities including review of unit costs
- Develop chart of accounts to allow separation of operation costs and maintenance costs and to split the maintenance costs into reactive, planned and cyclic and to separate capital expenditure into renewal, new and upgrade works.
- Investigate options to integrate the Asset Management System with the Accounting/Financial System



- Review customer request /complaint settings in customer request management system to reflect desirable data being collected
- Ensure all assets in Asset Management System have a condition score



7.11 Sewerage System Asset Management Plan 2018 & 'Core' Infrastructure Risk Management Plan, Sewer 2018

Report by: Engineering Services Manager, Fred Exton

Strategic Outcome: 1. Sustainable natural and built landscapes

Strategic Objective: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our natural resources and built

landscapes

#### Recommendation:

That the Council adopt the Sewerage System Asset Management Plan 2018 and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Sewer 2018

(Appendices "7.11-A" & "7.11-B") as the key documents to guide future planning and development of Sewerage System Assets within the Berrigan Shire.

### Report:

Asset Management Plans are a key component of Council's corporate planning process.

The Sewerage System Asset Management Plan and the associated Infrastructure Risk Management Plan were last adopted by Council in 2009.

These plans were reviewed by staff in 2018 and draft documents prepared as part of the initial preparation of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan submitted to the Office of Water for approval. The daft plans have never been presented to Council for approval as the endeavours to obtain IWCM approvals have been ongoing without result.

It is, however, considered important that these plans be used in the interim for the ongoing management of the sewerage assets.

Therefore the plans are presented for consideration and approval by Council.

The implementation of the Asset Management Plan will be largely business as usual as the plan does not indicate any substantial change in funding requirements.

The Executive Summary of the plan is presented below and the draft Sewerage System Asset Management Plan 2018 & draft Infrastructure Risk Management Plan – Sewer 2018 are attached as Appendices "7.11-A" & "7.11-B"



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### What Council Provides

Council provides a sewerage network in each of its four townships to enable the efficient collection, treatment and disposal of waste water.

This asset management plan covers the following infrastructure assets:

Sewerage infrastructure for the townships of Barooga, Berrigan, Finley and Tocumwal

Table 2.1. Assets covered by this Plan

Asset category	Dimension	Replacement Value (\$M)		
Gravity Mains including Manholes and Property Connections	76.0 km	\$19,298,861		
Rising Mains	41.5 km	\$4,394,597		
Pump Stations	51 No.	\$12,318,288		
Treatment Works	4 No.	\$3,541,048		
Storage Ponds	6 No.	\$1,193,472		
TOTAL		\$40,746,266		

#### What does it Cost?

There are two key indicators of cost to provide the sewerage service.

The life cycle cost being the average cost over the life cycle of the asset and the total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required to deliver existing service levels in the next 10 years covered by Council's long term financial plan.

The annual average life cycle cost for the services covered in this asset management plan is \$1,858,000.

The life cycle expenditure at the start of the plan is \$1,646,000.

The life cycle gap for services covered by this asset management plan is \$-212,000 per annum. The life cycle sustainability index is 0.89

The total maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required over the 10 years is \$13,076,000. This is an average expenditure of \$1,307,600.

Estimated maintenance and capital renewal expenditure over the 10 years is \$17,301,000 this is an average expenditure of \$1,730,100 this would give a 10 year sustainability index of 1.32.



#### Plans for the Future

Council plans to operate and maintain the sewerage network to achieve the following strategic objectives.

- 1. Ensure the sewerage network is maintained at a safe and functional standard as set out in this asset management plan.
- 2. Ensure sufficient funds are raised through fees and charges to provide for sewer asset renewal over the life of the assets.
- 3. Meet or exceed community expectations in relation to sewer services.

## Measuring our Performance

#### Quality

Sewer assets will be maintained in a reasonably usable condition. Defects found or reported that are outside our service standard will be repaired. See our maintenance response service levels for details of defect prioritisation and response time.

#### **Function**

Our intent is that an appropriate sewerage network is maintained in partnership with other levels of government and stakeholders to collect, treat and dispose of waste water from the townships of Barooga, Berrigan, Finley and Tocumwal.

Sewer asset attributes will be maintained at a safe level and associated signage and equipment be provided as needed to ensure public safety. We need to ensure key functional objectives are met:

- Waste water is efficiently and effectively collected from properties, conveyed to the sewer treatment plants, treated and re used or disposed of.
- The operation of the sewerage system does not result in an adverse impact on the environment.

The main functional consequence of ensuring the sewerage network is maintained at a safe and functional standard as set out in this asset management plan is the continued provision of sewerage services to the four townships within the Berrigan Shire at a level acceptable to the community and other stakeholders.

#### Safety

We inspect all sewerage infrastructure regularly and prioritise and repair defects in accordance with our inspection schedule to ensure they are safe.

## The Next Steps

The actions resulting from this asset management plan are:

- Complete the Improvement Plan as set out in Table 8.2
- Make provision for the completion of the Capital Works Program attached as Appendix C
- Carry out community consultation



Table 8.2 - Improvement Plan

Task	Task	Responsibility	Resources	Timeline
No			Required	
1.	Condition Rating of assets including CCTV	EE	Staff	June
	survey of gravity mains			2020
2.	Review of remaining life of assets following	EE	Staff	June
	condition ratings			2020
3.	Componentisation of point assets such as	EE, TOA	Staff	March
	pumping stations and treatment plants			2021
	including review of unit costs			
4.	Document methodology and procedures for	DTS, DCS	Staff	June
	asset useful lives, asset unit costs, condition			2019
	rating and depreciation calculations			
5.	Develop chart of accounts to allow separation	FM	Staff	June
	of operation costs and maintenance costs and			2019
	to split the maintenance costs into reactive,			
	planned and cyclic and to separate capital expenditure into renewal, new and upgrade			
	works.			
6.	Carry out community consultation to allow	DCS	Staff/External	March
	the development of Desired Levels of			2022
	Service when this plan is reviewed in 2022			



7.12 Loan National Australia Bank, Barooga Water Treatment Plant

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

#### Recommendation:

That the Council:

1. Accept the loan from National Australia Bank Limited (NAB) for an amount of \$4,000,000.00 on a fixed term of 10 years,

- 2. Allocate the borrowed funds and assign the corresponding debt to the Council's water fund, and
- 3. Execute the loan agreement through application of the Council's common seal

### Report:

In its 2019/20 Operational Plan – and subsequently carried forward to its 2020/21 Operational Plan – the Council stated its intent to borrow \$4,000,000 to fund an essential upgrade of the Barooga water treatment facility.

In December 2020/January 2021, the Council sought quotes from invited financial institutions to provide this loan. Management selected a proposal from National Australia Bank Limited (NAB) for a ten-year fixed loan as its preferred option.

The <u>indicative</u> rates received were in line with the Council's expectations given prevailing market conditions. The actual rate will be determined on the drawdown date.

Note that interest payments under this loan are subsidised under the NSW Government's Low Cost Loans Initiative (LCLI).

Before the funds from the loan can be drawn down, the loan agreement **Appendix "7.12-A"** needs to be executed under the Council's common seal



7.13 Suspension of Alcohol-Free Zone Chanter Street, Berrigan

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 3. Supported and engaged communities

Strategic Objective: 3.1 Create safe, friendly and accessible communities

### Recommendation:

That the Council, subject to Police approval and development consent being given, suspend the Alcohol Free Zone for the area closed to traffic on Chanter Street, Berrigan from 5.00pm to 11.00pm on Friday 26 March 2021 in accordance with Section 645 of *the Local Government Act* 1993.

### Report:

The Berrigan and District Development Association (BDDA) are proposing to hold a musical event in Berrigan on Friday, 26 March 2021.

For this event, the adjacent roads will be closed to traffic from 5.00pm to 11.00pm – subject to Council and police approval.

Elements of the event require approval under the *Local Government Act* 1993 and this is taking place through other existing Council procedures. **Appendix "7.13-A"** 

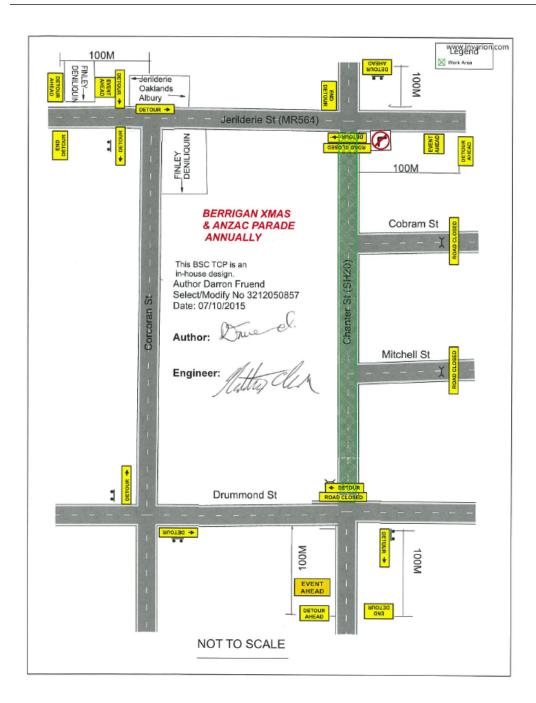
The BDDA has requested the restrictions on alcohol consumption be lifted during this period for the area closed to traffic. A map of the area is shown at the end of the report.

The Council has no set policy on the lifting of alcohol restrictions but it has lifted these restrictions on alcohol consumption for similar events in this precinct in the past. Previous events conducted by this organisation have not created any public disturbance issues.

Under s645 of the *Local Government Act* 1993, the Council may suspend the operation of an Alcohol Free Zone if desired. This power cannot be delegated. If the Council wishes to suspend the operation of the Zone, it must publish notice of the suspension in a manner that the council is satisfied is likely to bring the notice to the attention of members of the public in the area.

In addition, the <u>Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones</u> advise that the Council must liaise with the police. The police may also have a role in assessing the event's compliance with Public Health Orders associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.







#### 7.14 ORG Infrastructure Grants

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 3. Supported and engaged communities

Strategic Objective: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture

and recreation

#### Recommendation:

The direction of the Council is sought.

## Report:

The next round of the Office of Responsible Gambling's (ORG) Infrastructure Grants program opens on Monday, 1 February and closes on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Infrastructure Grants can be used toward the costs of construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit-out of buildings and community infrastructure in the following categories:

• Arts & Culture: \$50,000 to \$200,000 available per project

• Community Infrastructure: \$10,000 to \$200,000 available per project

• **Disaster Readiness:** \$10,000 to \$200,000 available per project

• Sport & Recreation: \$50,000 to \$300,000 available per project

Applications from local governments require the local government to fund at least 50% of the project directly. Applicants can make only one application per round.

ORG have stated that they will give priority to projects in bushfire-affected areas.

In the past three rounds of this program, the Council submitted a proposal to reconstruct the Finley netball courts and was unsuccessful each time. The Council has since found an alternate funding source for this project.

The direction of the Council is sought.



## 7.15 Building Better Regions Fund

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 3. Supported and engaged communities

Strategic Objective: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture

and recreation

#### Recommendation:

The direction of the Council is sought.

## Report:

The Federal Government has announced another round of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) program. Applications close on 5 March 2021

The program offers grants of \$20,000 to \$10 million to cover 50% or more of eligible project costs. For projects that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. The projects can be either construction of new infrastructure or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure.

This round incorporates \$100m towards tourism-related infrastructure projects. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your region's tourism industry (or the region that will benefit from your proposed project) and how your project will provide benefits to the tourism industry to assist in mitigating the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

One potential project the Council may wish to consider is the construction of the Tocumwal Foreshore Amphitheatre and Fishing Platforms as per the Tocumwal Foreshore masterplan - subject to the Council having development consent by this date.



7.16 Closure of NAB Transaction Account

Report by: Finance Manager, Tahlia Fry

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

#### Recommendation:

That the Council close the NAB Transaction Account #50-954-1619

## Report:

Following Council's decision in 2018 to move its day-to-day business banking to Bendigo Bank, Council no longer requires a transaction account with NAB.

Council continued to hold this account for a period to give time to those making direct payments to the Council to change to the Council's Bendigo Bank account. There has been sufficient time granted and the account should be closed.

Advice from the Council's NAB representative is that, NAB requires authority in the form of a Council resolution to close the account.



#### 8. ITEMS FOR NOTING

**Recommendation:** that Items for Noting numbered 8.1 to 8.6 inclusive be received and noted.

8.1 General Manager's Half Yearly Performance Review

Report by: General Manager, Rowan Perkins

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

### Report:

As early advice, the mid-year performance review of the General Manager will be conducted at the next Council meeting.

Normally this matter is dealt with as the first item of business at the meeting.

For Councillors' information, circulated with this agenda as **Appendix "8.1-A"** is a copy of the agreed performance assessment model.



8.2 Funding Agreement – Murray Regional Tourism

Report by: General Manager, Rowan Perkins

Strategic Outcome: 4. Diverse and resilient business

Strategic Objective: 4.2 Diversify and promote local tourism

#### Report:

Mr Mark Francis, CEO, Murray Regional Tourism has written to the Council regarding a new three year agreement with the Council.

The letter from Mr Francis is set out below and the contents are considered self-explanatory:

18 December 2020

Rowan Perkins GM Berrigan Shire Council PO Box 137 Berrigan NSW 2712 Dear Rowan

#### RE: Murray River Region Tourism Limited Funding

I am writing to you to outline our Board's intention to seek a new three-year agreement between Berrigan Shire Council and Murray River Region Tourism Limited.

The Board believes it is timely to commence the discussions given the current agreement is due to expire on June 30, 2021, and to provide ongoing support and certainty for the visitor economy sector as we rebuild from the devastating impacts of COVID-19.

We had hoped to commence these discussions earlier, however with the delay due to the late release of the State budgets, which we can now importantly confirm have included longer term financial commitments for our regional tourism board, which we felt was important to have in place prior to our discussions.

We understand the Council will need adequate time to consider all of your organisation's future funding commitments through the budget process and feel it is critical we provide you with early estimates for inclusion.



We would like to have the opportunity to finalise negotiations with you on the new three- year agreement in the New Year when we will be in a position to meet with you to present a proposed new multi-year agreement aligned to our two state government agencies commitments.

A thorough review has been undertaken of our existing partnership arrangements and the future agreement will largely align to the previous structural framework that is designed to provide equity for our partners and a strong value proposition.

To assist with your budget forecasting process, we would encourage you to allocate a MOU funding contribution of \$24,380 in 2021-2022 for MRT along with an additional allocation of funds to partner with us to leverage the State Tourism Organisations COVID recovery opportunities.

I look forward to working with you in due course to progress with the details on this new agreement.

May I take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for all your efforts and support throughout this extremely challenging year and wish you and your family all the best for the holiday period and a bright and safe 2021.

Yours sincerely
MARK FRANCIS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The historic cost of the agreement has been in the vicinity of \$13k - \$15k with the 20/21 budget being approximately \$15k so the predicted contribution is a reasonable step up.



8.3 Riverina and Murray Joint Organization Minutes

Report by: General Manager, Rowan Perkins

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

### Report:

Circulated with this agenda as **Appendix –"8.3-A"** are the minutes of the last RAMJO meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Also included as **Appendix – "8.3-B"** is the PowerPoint presentation referred to in the minutes and regarding the RAMJO Regional Resource Recovery Project.



#### 8.4 Finley Saleyards Upgrade

Report by: Director Corporate Services, Matthew Hansen

Strategic Outcome: 4. Diverse and resilient business

Strategic Objective: 4.1 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and invest in local job

creation and innovation

#### Report:

The Council is continuing to progress the upgrading of the Finley Saleyards to meet identified safety concerns - aided by \$281,000 in funding made available through the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP).

The Council has appointed an advisory panel of stakeholders:

- Brendan Carey representing Scanclear Pty Ltd the lessee
- Craig Congram representing the livestock transport industry
- Greg McNamara representing the Finley Associated Agents

The role of the panel is to provide advice to the Council on the delivery of the project. The Council through the General Manager and staff will however remain wholly responsible for the delivery of the project in its entirety.

The project has several components to be delivered in different methods.

- 1. The undergrounding of the Essential Energy overhead power line on Hamilton St, between McNamara St and (the unmade portion of ) Wells St
- 2. Upgrading of the cattle loading area on Hamilton St
- 3. Replacement of the cattle selling pens
- 4. Replacement of the sheep loading ramps on Hamilton St
- 5. Installation of a unisex, 24-hour toilet.

Before physical works can start on any of the loading areas on Hamilton, Essential Energy require their overhead power line adjacent to these loading areas is relocated underground at Council's expense. The design work for this has been completed and is now waiting on approval by Essential Energy before the Council can seek quotes for the work.

Council staff are currently preparing a tender specification for the upgrade/replacement of the cattle and sheep loading areas and the cattle selling pens. The tender will be on a "design and construct" basis and tenderers will be given the option to submit a price for either the sheep yard works, the cattle yard works or both. It is unlikely a tender will be awarded until May 2021 at the earliest

Council staff will directly arrange for supply and installation of the toilet block.



8.5 Rates Collections and Outstanding Debtors – Second Quarter 2020-2021

Report by: Revenue Coordinator, Michael Millar

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

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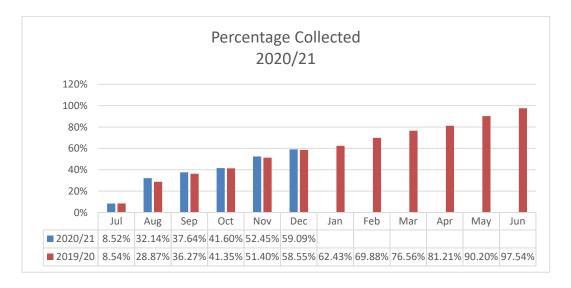
### Report:

#### 1. Rates & Charges

At 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 Council has collected 59.09% of the total rates, service charges, arrears and water consumption charges raised in 2020 – 2021 to date. This shows an increase of 0.54% on the corresponding time last year. This result is very pleasing when taking into consideration the continued impact of Covid-19. I would like to acknowledge the work performance and efforts of the Assistant Revenue Officer and Water Officer.

The Revenue Department has had success in the collection of large outstanding rates this quarter. This has been achieved by improving lines of communication with Ratepayers whilst continuing to work closely with our Debt Collection Agency.

After extended negotiation with two Ratepayers regarding property in Finley and Barooga. The Ratepayers decided to sell the properties that recouped approximately \$20,000 in unpaid Rates, Service Charges and Water Consumption.





#### 2. Debtors

A brief list of outstanding debtors as at the end of November and December 2020 listed below;

DEBTORS	2020-2021				
	END NOVEMBER	END DECEMBER			
GENERAL/SUNDRY/OTHER DEBTORS	\$153,043	\$281,083			
RATES LEGAL FEE DEBTORS	\$0	\$0			
FOOD INSPECTIONS	\$73	\$73			
HALF COST K&G/FOOTPATH DEBTORS	\$44,795	\$50,588			
SEC 355 COMMITTEE LOANS	\$21,276	\$21,276			
SWIMMING POOLS	\$644	\$1,899			
CEMETERY DEBTORS	\$1,995	\$1,090			
GOVERNMENT DEPT GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	-\$194,158	\$22,516			
STAFF DEBTORS	-\$4	-\$1,646			
STAFF SUPERANNUATION	-\$22,997	-\$26,798			
SHIRE LAND SALE DEBTORS	\$6,285	\$6,285			
TOCUMWAL AERODROME	\$4,596	\$4,596			
TOTAL	\$15,549	\$360,963			

In the table above the only major difference is in the General/Sundry/Other Debtors, there is two amounts, which contribute to this difference. One amount owed from ATO of \$120,000 the other for the new Tocumwal Aviation Museum of \$60,000, these amounts will likely be settled in the coming weeks.

The graph below shows the Council's outstanding debtors by age and type over the past two months. The amount of debtors for over 90 days is made up largely of half-cost scheme debtors.

The amount of debt outstanding over 30 days has increased significantly largely due to the amounts listed above,





#### 3. Activity

No hardship applications have been received for the quarter under the Council's Debt Management and Hardship Policy. Over the last quarter, the Council has undertaken the following collection activities:

- Reminder letters issued, 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Water Consumption Notice.
- As of 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 interest at 7.0% has been reapplied to overdue accounts.



8.6 Development Determinations for Month of December 2020

Report by: Executive Support Officer, Rebecca Ware

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

# Report:

# APPLICATIONS <u>DETERMINED</u> FOR DECEMBER 2020

Application	Description	Property Location	Applicant	Owner	Status	Value		Taken
168/20/DA/DM	5MW SOLAR PV ARRAY INCLUDING PERIMETER FENCE	BROOCKMANNS ROAD, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot61//DP1053533)	K D C Pty Ltd	MR DF SEXTON AND MRS DM SEXTON	Approved 02-12-2020	\$ 7138333.00	<b>Active</b> 0	<i>Total</i> 141
92/21/DA/D9 2 LOT SUBDIVISION		16-18 HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot10/13/DP758057)	North East Survey Design	MR WM GORMAN AND MS EJ SIM	Approved 23-12-2020	\$0.00	Active 27	<b>Total</b> 27
96/21/DA/D6	ADDITIONS TO DWELLING	60 BARINYA STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot12//DP248812)	Dylan Hyde Constructions	MR TD GOW AND MS LC GALATI	Approved 16-12-2020	\$ 49000.00	Active 20	Total 20
97/21/DA/D1	BV DWELLING	41 HIGH STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot3//DP1222893)	Kenney Builders Pty Ltd	MR A R PYLE	Approved 01-12-2020	\$ 290600.00	Active 8	Total 8
18/21/CD/M5	ABOVEGROUND SWIMMING POOL	32 HILL STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot23//DP618811)	Bradley Walters	MR B J WALTERS	Approved 10-12-2020	\$ 8000.00	Active 7	Total 7
101/21/DA/D5	CARPORT X 2	23 JAMES COURT, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot4//DP736534)	Mark Barker	MR MJ BARKER AND MRS HE BARKER	Approved 21-12-2020	\$ 9500.00	Active 14	Total\4
102/21/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	1 BEATRICE COURT, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot39//DP1102913)	SIMONDS HOMES	MR JM GREATOREX	Approved 10-12-2020	\$ 189635.00	Active 5	Total 5
19/21/CD/M1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	3 BEATRICE COURT, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot37//DP1102913)	Metricon Homes	MR DRA MCKAY	Approved 09-12-2020	\$ 218042.00	Active 4	Total 4
103/21/DA/D2	TRANSPORTAB LE DWELLING	61-71 JERILDERIE STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot4/A/DP2425)	John Strelec	ROYAL HOTEL BERRIGAN PTY LTD	Approved 21-12-2020	\$ 40000.00	Active 12	<i>Total</i> 12
106/21/DA/D5	CARPORT	4 PINEWOOD LANE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot13//DP285573)	Clare Savage & Amanda Wilkinson	MS CE SAVAGE AND MS AJ WILKINSON	Approved 21-12-2020	\$ 5000.00	Active 9	Total 9
20/21/CD/PC	NEW DWELLING	19 MORRIS DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot38//DP270154)	F & S Miccio Pty Ltd	MR MTC HILL	Approved 07-12-2020	\$ 414400.00	Active 0	Total 0
21/21/CD/M6	ADDITIONS TO DWELLING	350 COLDWELLS ROAD, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot1//DP736977)	MS Constructions Pty Ltd	MR SF BROOKS AND MR JG BROOKS	Approved 18-12-2020	\$ 78146.00	Active 3	Total 3



22/21/CD/M5	INGROUND SWIMMING POOL	24 NUGGET FULLER DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot112//DP1070311)		CHENOWETH	Approved 21-12-2020	\$ 53415.00	Active 3	Total 3
111/21/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	25-26 KEOGH DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot35//DP1118257)	F & S Miccio Pty Ltd	MR D T MAXWELL	Approved 17-12-2020	\$ 376000.00	Active 1	<i>Total</i> 1
113/21/DA/D5	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	24-26 BAROOGA STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot4/11/DP758097)	SHED BOSS ALBURY	MS VL GEEVES	Approved 22-12-2020	\$ 31816.00	Active 2	Total 2
114/21/DA/D5	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	12 WARMATTA STREET, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot4//DP25494)	Stan Armstrong	MR SL ARMSTRONG	Approved 23-12-2020	\$ 10000.00	Active 3	Total 3
23/21/CD/M1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	67 HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot8//DP1257753)	Metricon Homes	MR JP SOULE AND MS MJ CIDORIOUS	Approved 22-12-2020	\$ 280259.00	Active 2	Total 2
120/21/DA/DM	REMOVAL OF TREES	5 LA BELLE COURT, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot12//DP1194758)	Wendy & Martin Alford	MR MP ALFORD AND MRS WD ALFORD	Approved 24-12-2020	\$ 0.00	Active 1	Total 1
24/21/CD/PC	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	5 PINEWOOD LANE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot14//DP285573)	I Permit Building Approvals	MR S G WILLIAMS	Approved 23-12-2020	\$ 328300.00	Active 0	<i>Total</i> 0
121/21/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	36 COBRAM STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot2//DP1251575)	Stoneway Constructions	MR S D PERRYMAN	Approved 05-01-2021	\$ 391214.00	Active 9	Total 9
122/21/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	33 TAKARI STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot52//DP1123204)	D & M Bowden Construction	MR W R ROBINSON	Approved 08-01-2021	\$ 275435.00	Active 4	Total 4

# APPLICATIONS PENDING DETERMINATION AS AT 31/12/2020

Application	Date Lodged	Description	Property Location
119/20/DA/DM	21-02-2020	AMPHITHEATRE, FISHING PLATFORM & ACCESS TRACKS	DENILIQUIN STREET,TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot7002//DP1019579)
40/21/DA/DM	14-08-2020	4.95MW SOLAR FACILITY BROUGHANS ROAD	BROUGHANS ROAD, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot126//DP752299)
59/21/DA/D9	16-09-2020	2 LOT SUBDIVISION/BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT	2521 MULWALA-BAROOGA ROAD, BOOMANOOMANA NSW 3644 (Lot96//DP752280)
80/21/DA/D1	16-10-2020	DWELLING	BUSHLANDS ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot6//DP286078)
89/21/DA/DM	11-11-2020	FUEL FACILITY	1 HARLEY COURT, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot11//DP713898)
91/21/DA/D9	12-11-2020	24 LOT SUBDIVISION	2-16 BANKER STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot194//DP752274)
99/21/DA/DM	23-11-2020	GRANITE WAR MEMORIAL	122 JERILDERIE STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot33//DP1189220)
100/21/DA/D5	26-11-2020	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	19 MOORE STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot21//DP545305)



104/21/DA/DM	04-12-2020	9 HOLE MINI GOLF COURSE	18-38 BURKINSHAW STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (LotPT261//DP1138087)
105/21/DA/D1	07-12-2020	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	RACECOURSE ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot11//DP1256121)
107/21/DA/D9	11-12-2020	3 LOT SUBDIVISION	100 BURMA ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot4//DP802330)
108/21/DA/D5	11-12-2020	STORAGE SHED	95 NANGUNIA STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot11//DP787922)
109/21/DA/D5	11-12-2020	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED & TREE REMOVAL	11 BAROOGA ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot11//DP1265195)
110/21/DA/D5	16-12-2020	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	265 MURRAY STREET, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot6/23/DP758412)
112/21/DA/D9	18-12-2020	17 LOT SUBDIVISION	HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (LotPT 10//DP1257753)
115/21/DA/D9	18-12-2020	9 LOT SUBDIVISION	HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (LotPT 10//DP1257753)
116/21/DA/D2	21-12-2020	INSTALLATION OF SHADE SAILS	10-16 BURKINSHAW STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot240//DP41479)
117/21/DA/D6	21-12-2020	ADDITIONS TO DWELLING	695 PEPPERTREE ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot9//DP835666)
118/21/DA/D1	21-12-2020	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	7 BELINDA COURT, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot20//DP270154)
119/21/DA/DM	22-12-2020	CHANGE OF USE - RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED -BEAUTY & NAIL SALON	11 COBRAM STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot32//DP836672)

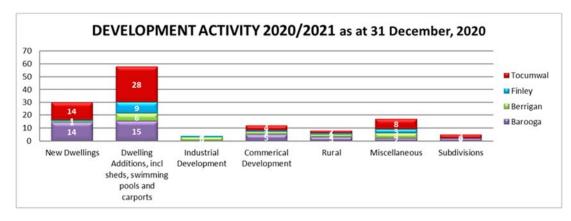
# TOTAL APPLICATIONS DETERMINED / ISSUED (including modifications)

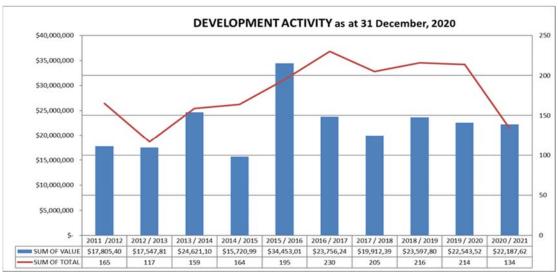
	This Month (December)	Year to Date	This Month's Value (December)	Year to Date Value
Development Applications (DA)	12	111	\$8,139,884	\$19,214,706
Construction Certificates (CC)	12	85	\$1,566,051	\$9,866,688
Complying Development Certificates (CDC)	7	23	\$1,380,562	\$2,972,921
Local Activity (s.68)	10	44	0	0



## OTHER <u>CERTIFICATES</u> ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 2020

	s10.7(2) Planning Certificate		s10.7(5) Certificate		735A Certificate  Outstanding Notices or Orders under LG Act 1993		s9.34  Certificate  Outstanding Notices or Orders under EP&A Act 1979		s6.24 Building Certificate		Swimmi Certif	•
	DEC	Year Total	DEC	Year Total	DEC	Year Total	DEC	Year Total	DEC	Year Total	DEC	Year Total
BAROOGA	9	48	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
BERRIGAN	2	27	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	1
FINLEY	6	49	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOCUMWAL	23	61	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	7
TOTAL	40	234	0	2	0	11	0	1	1	2		11







#### 9. COMMITTEES

Council Meeting 20 January 2021

#### 9.1 Local Traffic Committee

Report by: Assets & Operations Manager, Gary George

Strategic Outcome: 2. Good government

Strategic Objective: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the

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#### Recommendation:

That the Council adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 December, 2020:

- 1. Agree to install no parking signs on both sides of Burkinshaw Street, Barooga from the intersection of Golf Course Road to the Sporties entrance to stop vehicles parking on both sides of the street;
- 2. Agree to install 15 minute only parking signs in front of 239-241 Murray Street, Finley to allow for parents to drop off and pick up their children from the Finley Early Learning Centre; and
- 3. Agree to approve the temporary road closure of Anzac Avenue (west of Cowley Street), Tocumwal between the hours of 6am and 2pm on the following dates in 2021 to ensure sufficient market stall space for the Tocumwal Foreshore Markets:
  - 2 January 2021
  - 9 January 2021
  - 23 January 2021
  - 6 March 2021
  - 4 April 2021
  - 8 May 2021
  - 5 June 2021

### Report:

A copy of the minutes is attached as Appendix "9.1-A"



# 10. MAYOR'S REPORT

**Recommendation:** That the Mayor's Report be received.



# 11. DELEGATES REPORTS



# 12. BUSINESS ARISING

# 13. CLOSE OF MEETING